

DECEMBER TRANSACTIONS

District Checking Account Balance 11/26/2019 \$234,161.98

RECEIPTS: (since last board meeting)

Interest - November \$2.31
 Cottonwood County - May, June & July Contract & P&Z \$14,787.25

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$14,789.56**

DISBURSEMENTS: (since last board meeting)

24578	MASWCD - Extra Registration for Outstanding Conservationist	\$64.00
24579	Fidelity Security - Vision Ins December	\$29.06
24580	The Hartford - LTD December 2019	\$142.39
24581	NCPERS - Group Life Ins	\$112.00
24582	Sun Life Financial - Critical Illness	\$2.35
24583	Hwy 71 Storage - Rent December	\$45.00
24584	Higley Ford - Oil Change - 2 Vehicles	\$100.22
24585	Schwalbach - Field Supplies	\$11.99
Direct Deposit	Payroll 11-24-19 to 12-7-19 plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank of the West	\$14,807.60
Direct Deposit	Payroll 12-8-19 to 12-20-19 NO PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank of the West	\$9,889.04
Direct Deposit	PERA, MN Dept of Rev & Bank of the West won't clear account until after the board meeting	

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$25,203.65**

BALANCE BEFORE BOARD MEETING **\$223,747.89**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

12/19/2019

(to be approved at this board meeting)

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Payable</u>	<u>Amount</u>
24586	Cottonwood County - January 2020 Rent	\$1,900.00
24587	Cottonwood County - January Insurance	\$3,461.21
24588	Cottonwood County Record - Record Thompson Easement	\$46.00
24589	Staples Enterprises - Gas - November	\$320.73
24590	Citizen Publishing - Site Hosting (2) & Program Technician Ad	\$211.00
24591	Hy-Vee - Meeting Expenses	\$24.95
24592	Card Member Services - Quickbooks Pro	\$320.57
24593	City of Windom - Internet Services	\$86.00
24594	Office Depot - Toner - Kay's Printer	\$333.78
24595	Running's - T Posts for Easements	\$134.70
24596	MCIT - 2019 WC Audit	\$596.00
24597	Tom Hansen - Mileage to State Convention	\$164.72
24598	Rebecca Buchholz - Cell Phone	\$30.00
24599	Josh Votruba - Reimburse for Mileage	\$31.90
24600	Herman Bartsch - Mileage, Cell Phone, Supplies & Meeting Registration & Attendance	\$768.42
24601	Kay Gross - Cell Phone (2), Crash Plan, State Convention	\$447.81
24602	Fidelity Security - Vision Ins - January 2020	\$12.62

TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE **\$8,890.41**

District Checking Account Balance **\$214,857.48**

Balances as of 11-26-19

PETTY CASH (Included in District Fund Balance) \$50.00
 Savings Account Balance \$50,000.00

Account Balances: Checking/Savings/Petty Cash: \$264,907.48



MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

December 10, 2019

Kay Gross, District Administrator
Cottonwood SWCD SW/Area 5
210 10th St
Windom, MN 56101

From: Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Subject: Requirement for public officials to annually recertify statement of economic interest

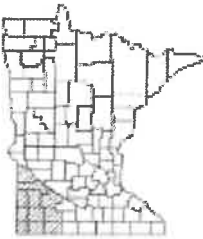
You are receiving this notice because you are the contact person for an agency that has members or employees who are public officials. All public officials must update their statements of economic interest annually. The Board is asking for your help in reminding the public officials in your agency of this requirement. In doing so, please keep these things in mind:

- A public official must review and recertify his or her statement **even if he or she left the public official position during the year, or if nothing on it has changed**. Please be sure that the public officials leaving your agency at the end of the year are aware of the filing requirement.
- The annual recertification must be filed **after January 1, 2020, but no later than January 27, 2020**. A public official who does not file a recertification by the deadline will be subject to the imposition of late filing fees and a potential civil penalty.
- The Board will send letters directly to all public officials in late December notifying them of the requirement and giving them the information necessary to file online. Paper copies of the statement may be printed from the Board's website by any official unable to file online.

If you are not sure who in your agency is considered a public official, you can view the list of the public officials in your agency by entering your agency's name into the search box at <https://cfb.mn.gov/reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/agency/>.

If you need to correct any inaccuracies on the list for your agency, or if you have questions about the reporting requirements in general, please contact Jodi Pope at 651-539-1183, 800-657-3889 or jodi.pope@state.mn.us.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.



SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TECHNICAL SERVICE AREA

210 10th Street, Windom, MN 56101

Phone: 507-832-8287

DATE: DECMEBER 19, 2019
TO: SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TSA MEMBERS
FROM: KAY GROSS, ADMINSTRATIVE COORDINATOR
SUBJECT: COORDINATOR REPORT

2018 NACD Grant – Technical Assistance Grant

Final report has been completed and closed out as of 10-15-2019.

2019 NACD – Technical Assistance Grant

We have been awarded through the next grant round of \$125,000, and have completed the grant agreement and we have have received our first payment of \$31,250.00. Our contract with Centrol has extended to 12-31-2019 with a balance of \$20,010.

Quarterly reports due by January 20.

2018 NRCS Collaboration Grant

Quarterly reports due by January 20.

Soil Health/Training Contract Position

Dawn Madison is continuing to work with District staff in gaining Job Approval Authority and also working on grant obligations for NRCS.

Engineering Technician Positons

We held interviews with preferred candidate declining offer. Chris Wall has submitted his resignation effective December 27, 2019.

We will discuss our next moves at the January 8 Southwest Prairie TSA quarterly meeting.

Personnel Reviews

Personnel reviews will be completed prior to the January 8 TSA meeting. Information has been sent out to District Mangers for their input with responses being returned by January 3.

**Monthly Treasurer's Report
Southwest Prairie Technical Service Area
November 2019**

Use of Cash	Beginning Balance 11/1/2019	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance 11/30/2019
Checking	\$ 22,696.16	\$ 34,539.98	\$ 40,472.58	\$ 16,763.56
Select Business Syg	\$ 939,814.01	-	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 865,814.01
Interest Money	\$ 56,138.26	-	-	\$ 56,138.26
Compensated Absences	-	\$ 54,000.00	-	\$ 54,000.00
Total	\$ 1,018,648.43	\$ 88,539.98	\$ 114,472.58	\$ 992,715.83
Program Summary				
JPO Fund Balance	\$ 56,138.26			\$ 56,138.26
FY19 NPEA Grant	\$ 9,532.64	\$ 1,727.00	\$ 11,259.64	\$ -
FY19 NPEA Local Share	-			-
FY19 NPEA Admin	\$ 7,466.51			\$ 7,466.51
FY20 NPEA	\$ 93,576.64		\$ 14,158.32	\$ 79,418.32
NPEA Administration	\$ 7,500.00			\$ 7,500.00
Technical Services	\$ 180,677.37	\$ 12,812.98	\$ 54,025.00	\$ 139,465.35
TSA Shared Technician	-			-
Training	\$ 3,000.00			-
Compensated Absences	-	\$ 54,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
FY17 ESTS Pt.1-Lincoln exp-06/30/2019	-			\$ 54,000.00
FY17 ESTS Part 2(equipment)	-			-
FY17 ESTS Part 2-Local Share	\$ 11,724.32		\$ 2,033.00	-
FY17 ESTS Part 2- Admin	-			-
FY18 ESTS Local Share	\$ 23,991.00			\$ 9,691.32
FY18 ESTS (exp-06/30/2020)	\$ 85,184.56			-
FY18 ESTS Admin	\$ 12,462.90		\$ 10,317.62	\$ 23,991.00
FY18 ESTS Equipment	\$ 6,698.37			\$ 74,866.94
FY19 ESTS Grant	\$ 210,750.00			\$ 12,462.90
FY19 ESTS Admin	\$ 29,250.00			\$ 6,698.37
FY19 ESTS Local Share	\$ 24,398.00			\$ 210,750.00
FY20 ESTS Grant	\$ 201,704.80			\$ 29,250.00
FY20 ESTS Administration	\$ (12,027.14)			\$ 24,398.00
NRCS Collaboration Grant Admin	\$ 25,850.00		\$ 2,704.00	\$ 201,704.80
FY20 NACD Grant	-			\$ 40,795.20
NACD Technical Assistance Grant	-			\$ (14,731.14)
Total	\$ 1,018,673.43	\$ 68,539.98	\$ 94,497.58	\$ 992,715.83

Southwest Prairie Technical Service Balance Sheet Detail As of November 30, 2019

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Class	Cir	Split	Amount	Balance
ASSETS									
Current Assets									
Checking/Savings									1,168,357.62
Checking Account									1,031,878.30
Liability Check	11/01/2019	To Print	MSRS	Txf Deposit er...		X	HCSP-Def C	-30.00	22,666.16
Liability Check	11/04/2019	To Print	Sun Life Insurance	Deposit		X	Administrative ...	-9,532.64	13,133.52
Deposit	11/05/2019			Deposit		X	-SPLIT-	-76.43	13,057.09
Liability Check	11/08/2019			Created by P...		X	Undeposited F...	5,093.66	18,150.75
Bill Pmt -Check	11/13/2019	2948	QuickBooks Payroll ...			X	-SPLIT-	7,719.32	25,870.07
Liability Check	11/13/2019	2949	Green Garden Place...			X	Direct Deposit ...	-6,584.05	19,186.02
Bill Pmt -Check	11/13/2019	2950	MN PEIP			X	Accounts Paya...	-4,737.00	14,449.02
Bill Pmt -Check	11/13/2019	2951	Murray County			X	Health Insuran...	-1,942.30	12,506.72
Bill Pmt -Check	11/13/2019	2952	Chandler Co-op			X	Accounts Paya...	-298.00	12,208.72
Bill Pmt -Check	11/13/2019	2953	Cardmember Service			X	Accounts Paya...	-303.66	11,905.06
Paycheck	11/14/2019	DD1200	Independent			X	Accounts Paya...	-1,000.81	10,904.25
Paycheck	11/14/2019	DD1201	Hoogendoorn, Russell	gas, meals, p...	NPEA	X	Accounts Paya...	-499.80	10,404.45
Paycheck	11/14/2019	DD1201	Matthys, Benjamin	help wanted ad	FY18 ES...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	10,404.45
Paycheck	11/14/2019	DD1202	Skoglund, Michael	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	10,404.45
Liability Check	11/14/2019	DD1203	Wall, Christopher M	Direct Deposit	FY18 ES...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	10,404.45
Liability Check	11/14/2019	auto	EFTPS	Direct Deposit		X	-SPLIT-	-2,270.88	8,133.57
Liability Check	11/14/2019	auto	MN Revenue	41-1811267		X	State Withholdi...	-389.00	7,744.57
Liability Check	11/14/2019	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-225.00	7,519.57
Liability Check	11/14/2019	auto	PERA			X	-SPLIT-	-1,336.00	6,183.57
Liability Check	11/14/2019	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-40.00	6,143.57
Deposit	11/14/2019			Deposit		X	Business Insur...	1,727.00	7,870.57
Transfer	11/21/2019			Funds Transfer	NPEA	X	Select Busines...	20,000.00	27,870.57
Bill Pmt -Check	11/22/2019	2954	Verizon			X	Accounts Paya...	-162.12	27,708.45
Liability Check	11/25/2019			Created by P...		X	Direct Deposit ...	-6,684.05	21,024.40
Paycheck	11/26/2019	DD1204	QuickBooks Payroll ...	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	21,024.40
Paycheck	11/26/2019	DD1205	Hoogendoorn, Russell	Direct Deposit	FY18 ES...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	21,024.40
Paycheck	11/26/2019	DD1206	Matthys, Benjamin	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	21,024.40
Paycheck	11/26/2019	DD1207	Skoglund, Michael	Direct Deposit	FY18 ES...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	21,024.40
Liability Check	11/26/2019	auto	Wall, Christopher M	Direct Deposit		X	-SPLIT-	-2,270.84	18,753.56
Liability Check	11/27/2019	auto	EFTPS	41-1811267		X	State Withholdi...	-389.00	18,364.56
Liability Check	11/27/2019	auto	MN Revenue			X	HCSP-Def C	-225.00	18,139.56
Liability Check	11/27/2019	auto	MSRS			X	-SPLIT-	-1,336.00	16,803.56
Liability Check	11/27/2019	auto	PERA			X	HCSP-Def C	-40.00	16,763.56
Liability Check	11/27/2019	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-40.00	16,723.56
Total Checking Account									16,763.56
Savings Interest Account									56,138.26
Total Savings Interest Account									56,138.26
Select Business Savings									939,814.01
Transfer	11/21/2019			Funds Transfer			Checking Acco...	-20,000.00	919,814.01
Total Select Business Savings									919,814.01
Total Checking/Savings									919,814.01
Accounts Receivable									992,715.83
Accounts Receivable									8,111.21
Payment	11/01/2019	24156	Rock SWCD					-738.00	8,111.21
Payment	11/01/2019	44091	Rock SWCD					-5,599.66	7,373.21
Total Accounts Receivable									1,773.55



COTTONWOOD

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

210 10th Street
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Phone: 507-832-8287

Cottonwood SWCD Technician Report for December 19, 2019.

1) Minnesota Wetlands Conservation Act update.

In Cottonwood I am working on the Cottonwood County Road #7, and the Bingham Lake City Storm Water Pond applications. Both projects are in the process of completing applications.

2) GBERBA and 1W1P Watonwan

GBERBA has three grants submitted to the BWSR at this time. The grants are for Cover Crops, Multipurpose Drainage Management, and Drinking Water Protection.

The Watonwan One Watershed One Plan process is moving at a fast pace, we are now completing the measurable goals, actions, and programs section.

3) Tree Program.

The tree planters are indoors for the season. The Cottonwood SWCD is writing a Lawns to Legumes Pollinator grant through BWSR. This is due Jan. 10, 2020. Pollinator Habitat could have a positive impact on trees sales as many important pollinators are trees. Also there may be a need to carry pollinator native forbs/plants for sale.

4) Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies WRAPS

The completed WRAPS report is a jumping off place for the One Watershed One Plan Process. Staff is involved in the Des Moines, Little Cottonwood which is included in the Middle Minnesota watershed and the Cottonwood Watershed WRAPS process all at the same time. A Des Moines WS meeting was held on November 4th in Windom and all members present voted to move forward with the 1W1P planning grant application.

5) Pollinator Habitat Grant Opportunity

Becky and I attended the Lawns to Legumes training in Mankato 11-5-19. We are applying for a grant to promote pollinators. This BWSR grant application is a cooperative venture with the Cottonwood SWCD, Jackson SWCD, and the Heron Lake Watershed District.

County Request

- 6) I will be requesting Buffer Program cost share dollars from the county to correct four settled bioreactors around Fish Lake, and dollars to with assist initiating a local pollinator/ infiltration program.**

David Bucklin Cottonwood SWCD

Cottonwood Soil and Water Conservation District Mission . . .

To help maintain a better environment for future generations, to encourage the wise use of our soil and water through programs and education.



COTTONWOOD
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Phone: 507-832-8287

Date: December 18, 2019

Name: Becky Buchholz (Farm Bill Assistant/Program Technician)

Topics: Past Events, Upcoming Events, Farm Bill Assistance, SSTS

Past Events:

- November 5, 2019 – Lawns to Legumes Train the Trainer in Mankato, MN
- November 21, 2019 – Ag BMP Meeting in Redwood Falls, MN

Upcoming Events:

- January 13, 2020 – SSTS Talking Tour in Marshall, MN
- January 21-22, 2020 – CD training in Marshall, MN
- January 23-24, 2020 – SSTS continuing ed in St. Cloud, MN

Farm Bill Assistance:

- General CRP and Continuous CRP enrollment are open as of December 9, 2019. The General Sign-Up will be open until February 28, 2020. As of right now, Continuous Sign-Up is ongoing and does not have an enrollment end date as of now.
- CREP is also open, but BWSR has contacted the offices to not submit any applications because they need to update guidance and workbooks. There are no batching periods announced yet. We have about 6-8 landowners that are interested in enrolling in CREP when a batching period is announced.
- We have quite a few RIM violations that will be fixed this past Fall after harvest due to crop encroachment. We were not able to get to all of these because we hadn't received contact back from landowners before winter, we will have to continue the remediation in Spring 2020.
- There is still wetland restoration work to be done on a majority of these CREP easements.
- I am looking into the RIM Grasslands program for a couple of landowners, this RIM easement program is designed to protect remnant prairies and buffer around existing ones.
- The State announced a Lawns to Legumes program for homeowners and LGUs. The purpose of the program is mainly two-fold: (1) Provide individual cost-share and/or assistance to individual homeowners to install pocket pollinator gardens or pollinator lawns; and (2) LGU's can apply for grants for neighborhood plots on private property to create pollinator habitat. There aren't a lot of details yet as the program is still being flushed out by BWSR and partners. They anticipate individuals being able to sign up for cost-share this winter. The purpose of the program is to protect and provide habitat for the Rusty Patch Bumble Bee.
 - The Cottonwood SWCD is looking to partner with the Jackson SWCD and the Heron Lake Watershed District for a joint application.



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Date: December 19, 2019

Name: Hannah Herzfeld (Cottonwood Resource Technician)

Topics: Past Events, Upcoming Events, Project Updates, Working on

Past Events:

- December 8th-10th – State Convention

Upcoming Events:

- Conservation Desktop training – January 6-7th

Project Updates:

Public Waters compliance in Cottonwood county is approximately 96%. Administrative Penalty Order and Corrective Action Notices were sent to landowners. SWCD and the County are working congruently to assist landowners with bringing landowners into compliance with the Buffer Law and will be conducting site visits and inspections this summer and fall.

Staking RIM easements that were not previously staked, and working with the landowners to correct RIM violations.

Working on:

- Developing an alternative practices list, and making site visits to determine alternative practices for individual landowners.
- Tracking buffer compliance using the BWSR BuffCAT tool is a continual process.
- Continuing SSTS mentoring, and continuing education.
- Moving forward with the Buffer Law and conducting site visits for landowners who received a APO (Administrative Penalty Order) and Corrective Action Notice, and working with landowners to come into compliance.
- Completed cost-share inspections.
- Conservation Planner AgLearn courses.
- Cover crop meeting planning.



Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

South Central MAWQCP Certification Specialist

Serving the Counties of: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, McLeod, Nicollet, Renville, Sibley, Waseca, Watonwan



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance



Herman Bartsch
AREA 6 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST
December 18th, 2019

Workload:

- Working with producers and SWCDs to complete assessments and certifications
- Assisting producers with MDA Grant Applications
- Cover Crop Plans
- Practice Plans
- Program Promotion
- Conservation Tillage Conference – St. Cloud

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	13	12	7
Brown SWCD	9	6	3
Faribault SWCD	21	16	13
LeSueur SWCD	10	4	3
Martin SWCD	9	5	5
McLeod SWCD	9	7	4
Nicollet SWCD	1	1	1
Renville SWCD	8	7	7
Sibley SWCD	3	3	3
Waseca SWCD	11	10	4
Watonwan SWCD	10	6	5
Total	107	78	55

MAWQCP is beginning to offer three new endorsements in addition to certification. Endorsements will recognize producers who are going above and beyond in the areas of soil health, integrated pest management, and wildlife.

MAWQCP Numbers as of 12-16-19

- 818 producers certified
- 558,108 acres certified
- 1,741 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 37,177 tons per year
- Soil loss reduced by 103,885 tons per year
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 45,936 lbs. of P per year



Greater Blue Earth River Basin

December 17, 2019



DANIELLE EVERS

AREA 5 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST

Serving the Counties of: Cottonwood, Jackson, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock, & Yellow Medicine

Projects and Workload:

- Continuing to meet with producers for assessments, mapping, & uploading documents for state verification
- Assisting producers in submitting MAWQCP Cost-Share Grant Applications
- Field verifications are in the works 6/7 are completed.
- Working with Pipestone county on Soil Health Assessment project analyzing data and organizing a winter meeting to go over results. My goal in this project is to target potential new applicants and/or continue contact/provide services with previously certified producers
- Working on program promotion, and story map participation
- Contacting producers about endorsements

Events:

- Dec 3rd – Planning Meeting We Are Water –Pipestone, MN
- Dec 5th – Agronomy Update Meeting – Pipestone, MN
- Dec 18th-20th – MARL Seminar – Austin, MN

Program Updates and Information:

- ***NEW*** Endorsements for Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Wildlife Habitat and Soil Health are **ALL** now available for certified producers.
- **WRE dollars available** for 30 year & permanent easements. Please contact me if you know of an interested producer.
- Grant applications still available for up to **\$5,000 75%** cost-share through the MDA for producers
- MAWQCP has certified over **818 farms**, including over **558,108 acres** with **1,741 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **37,177 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **103,885 tons** soil reduced per year, **45,936 lbs** Phosphorous reduced per year, **36,953 CO_{2-e} tons** per year

YEAR TO DATE NUMBERS

<u>Area 5</u>	<u>Applications</u>	<u>Assessments Completed</u>	<u>Actively Pursuing Cert.</u>	<u>Certifications</u>
Cottonwood SWCD	32	31	2	13
Jackson SWCD	30	27	1	17
Lac Qui Parle SWCD	6	6	0	4
Lincoln SWCD	17	17	0	6
Lyon SWCD	14	13	1	7
Murray SWCD	13	13	1	9
Nobles SWCD	14	14	0	10
Pipestone SWCD	42	38	2	18
Redwood SWCD	34	34	1	22
Rock SWCD	20	16	2	10
Yellow Medicine SWCD	23	23	2	11
Totals	245	231	12	127

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DATE: December 19, 2019

NAME: Josh Votruba
Watonwan Watershed Resource Specialist

Topics: Past Events, Upcoming Events, Working on

Past Events:

- Nov 18 – Minnesota River Basin Ag Urban Partnership Forum, Mankato, MN
- Nov 20 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Committee Meeting, St. James, MN
- Nov 20 – Watonwan 1W1P Science Meeting, St. James, MN
- Dec 4 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Committee Meeting, St. James, MN
- Dec 16 – Watonwan SWCD Board Meeting, St. James, MN
- Dec 18 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Committee Meeting, St. James, MN
- Dec 18 – Watonwan 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting, St. James, MN

Upcoming Events:

- Dec 20 – GBERBA Tech Meeting, Mankato, MN
- Dec 20 – GBERBA Exec Meeting, Mankato, MN

Working on:

- *GBERBA Cover Crop Cost-share:* Continue to work with landowners within the Watonwan Watershed in Cottonwood County on the GBERBA Cover Crop Grant. The cost share is for 50% of the total project cost with a maximum of \$50/acre. For 2019 four landowners within Cottonwood County signed up for cost-share for cover crops. The 319 Drainage/Cover Crop Grant for GBERBA expires August 31 2020. In addition, Hannah Herzfeld and I have been researching ideas for possible Cottonwood County cover crop meetings/events and ways to send out information regarding cover crops to landowners. These ideas include presentations at Township Meetings, Township newsletter similar to Watonwan County's. Cottonwood SWCD is planning on sending out a survey asking landowners about their experience regarding cover crops and how they would like to receive any information regarding cover crops (meetings, field days, newspaper ads, radio announcements, social media, newsletters, demonstrations).
- *Watonwan River One Watershed, One Plan:* The Watonwan One Watershed One Plan Advisory Committee held its final meeting November 6th. The meeting covered the topics of lakes, local knowledge base (public awareness), and land stewardship (Rural Stewardship, Urban Stewardship, Riparian and Shoreland Stewardship). During this meeting the Advisory Committee discussed the measurable goals, actions, and programs in regards to these resource concerns. A separate science based meeting/workshop took place November 20th. The topics presented in this workshop included Increased River Flows, Discovery Farms, Pesticide Water Quality Update, Corn Nitrogen Rate Guidelines for Minnesota. In addition, the final resource concern tables were approved at the December 18th Watonwan 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting. The Steering team now has begun the process of reviewing draft plan sections. These sections include Section 2 Introduction, Section 3 Land and Water Resources Narrative, and Section 4 Identification and Prioritization of Resource Categories, Concerns, and issues.
- *GBERBA ELINK Grant Reporting:* Have started the process of entering GBERBA project information into Elink for the active GBERBA grants.



COTTONWOOD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



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Date: December 19, 2019

Name: Lee Tapper (Program Technician)

Topics: Past Events, Upcoming Events, Project Updates, Working on

Past Events:

- Last Day as a Conservation Corps member on December 12th
- Watonwan 1W1P Steering/Policy Meeting in St. James on 12/18

Upcoming Events:

- GBERBA Technical and Executive Meeting in Mankato on 12/20

Project Updates:

Training under Alex Schultz with the Minnesota State 7020 Feedlot Code. Training consists of filling out Minnesota Feedlot Inspection Checklist, Running MinnFarm on cattle operations that have open lots, and Feedlot inspections.

Assisting Hannah Herzfeld staking RIM Easements that were not previously staked.

Working on:

- Filling out Feedlot Inspection Forms
- Running MinnFarm on cattle operation that have open lots
- Attending Feedlot Inspections with Alex Schultz
- Cover Crop Meeting Plan

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COTTONWOOD **SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Date: December 19, 2019

Name: Alex Schultz

Topics: Past Events, Upcoming Events, Planning and Zoning, and Ag. Inspecting

Past Events:

- November 28th- Feedlot Inspections
- December 2nd – Environmental Awareness Worksheet Public Hearing
- December 18th – FEMA Meeting

Upcoming Events:

- January- MACPZA Meeting

Planning and Zoning:

- **Planning Commission Meeting**
 - December 17th - EAW public hearing for Red Rock Quarry Expansion
- **Board of Adjustments**
 - None
- **Permits**
 - Setback Permits, 1 Issued
 - CUP, 0 Issued
 - Variance, Issued 0

Feedlots

- **7% of the 233 feedlots in Cottonwood County have been inspected**